

Coming Soon: 2015 State of the City Address

If you want to learn more about the issues and opportunities facing the City of Fremont, stay tuned! Fremont's Mayor will be presenting the annual State of the City Address at a luncheon hosted by the Fremont Chamber of Commerce on Friday, March 27, noon to 2 p.m. at the Fremont Marriott Hotel.

To buy tickets, please call the Chamber at 795-2244 or go to Fremontbusiness.com.

And in case you can't make it, the State of the City Address will be rebroadcasted on Cable TV Channel 27, as well as posted to the City website by the end of the following week.

For more information, call the City Manager's Office at 284-4000 or please visit Fremont.gov/StateoftheCity.

New Permitting Improvements: Solar Permits On the Fast Track, New Express Permit Counter

ore and more Fremont residents and businesses are choosing to install solar as a way to manage their utility costs while helping the environment. And with the City's new fast track permits for solar, the process is quicker and easier than ever!

The City of Fremont's Permit Center is now offering over-the-counter PV solar plan review and permitting on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (maximum of two projects per customer, although you may get back in line to submit additional projects if time permits).



The streamlined solar permitting process is just the latest example of the Development Service Center's commitment to customer service. Customers can also take advantage of the "Express Permit Counter" for HVAC and water heater replacements in the same location; window replacements; re-roofs; home occupation permits; termite damage repairs; minor electrical repairs (addition of 1 circuit); gas line repair, new gas line for range or fireplace if direct from meter to appliance, water re-piping, drain line repairs if within the footprint of the home; electrical service upgrades (<200 amps); and processing of re-inspection and overtime inspection fees.

For more information on the new solar permitting process, please visit Fremont.gov/SolarPermits and for more information on the new Express Permit Counter, visit Fremont.gov/ExpressPermits.

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Letter from Your City Manager



he City of Fremont has started off 2015 with a bang! Ranking as the "Best City to Live In for Empty Nesters," "Fifth Best City to Find a Job," and "Third Safest City in the U.S.," Fremont is turning heads across the nation.

The City's mid-year budget review shows room for future strategic investments. While the new financial picture will not

result in any dramatic enhancements to service levels, the City Council will be able to focus on funding ongoing needs such as street maintenance and repairs and public safety, including hiring additional police officers.

The grand opening of Fire Station No. 11 in the Bayside area of Fremont's Innovation District in South Fremont represents an important public safety milestone. With this station up and running, the Fremont Fire Department is now back to full staffing with 11 fire stations throughout the city, ultimately ensuring the best possible response times to emergencies. I am also pleased that the Fremont police and fire departments continue to find ways to innovate and collaborate during training drills and large-scale community events, as well as recruitment of qualified candidates.

In addition to concentrating our efforts on improving public safety, we also continue to make strong headway with our Downtown and Warm Springs/South Fremont initiatives. We are committed to laying the groundwork for these two initiatives and look forward to how they will transform Fremont's living and working scene in these parts of our city.

All of these achievements serve as a testament to the strong foundation of our economic development program and the commitment of the Council and City staff. We're excited to keep the forward momentum going through the rest of this year!

Fred Diaz, City Manager



Spring and Summer Day Camps

Check out the City of Fremont's School Break Camps. We've got everything your child needs to stay active, healthy, engaged, and having fun all day long! From science, nature, and academic enrichment, to sports, drama, theater, dance, cooking, and everything in between - you name it, we've got it! Camps vary in length from a couple hours to a full day. Many have extended care options available. Register now for our Spring Break Camps, which take place **April 6 to 10.**

For more information, please visit Fremont.gov/ DayCamps or register online at RegeRec.com.

CITY BUDGET HEARING

The City's proposed operating budget for next fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, will be presented to the City Council at their regularly scheduled Council meeting on May 19 at 7 p.m. The first public hearing to comment is June 2 and the second one, June 9. Both public hearings are part of the Council meeting and begin at 7 p.m. Mark your calendar to attend.

City of Fremont

The City Council meets the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. 3300 Capitol Ave.

Meetings are broadcast over Cable TV Channel 27 or webcast online at Fremont.gov/Webcasts.

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CONNECT WITH US!

Follow the City and many of its departments on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Google+, LinkedIn, and Nixle—we will keep you posted on everything from community events, new business openings, traffic updates, friendly tips, and other City-related information that may help you and your family. Fremont.gov/SocialMedia

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City Hall News

Fremont Joins Forces with Union City to Provide Dispatch Services

he Fremont and Union City Police Departments have consolidated dispatch services to save taxpayer dollars and maximize efficiencies. The first phase of contracting Union City dispatching services through Fremont Police Department's Communication Center is under way. During the week of January 20th, the Fremont Police Department began dispatching calls for service to both Union City and Fremont residents between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. This phase of consolidating dispatch services is anticipated to last through mid-2016, at which point the Fremont Police Department will manage dispatch services entirely for both the cities.

As a result of the cooperative effort, each city anticipates saving approximately \$400,000 annually in personnel costs, in addition to future savings in technology costs. There will be no impact to police services in either city and residents can expect the same quality of service from their police departments. Anyone in need of emergency assistance should still call 911.

Chronicling the Creation of Downtown Fremont

istory is being made as Downtown Fremont finally goes from vision to reality! To chronicle the area's development, the City of Fremont is creating a series of video vignettes, as well as a full-length documentary.

The series of video vignettes intends to capture the pivotal moments in the creation of Fremont's Downtown, from the physical construction to the place-making or 'playmaking' events and activities that build community and draw people to the area. Once constructed, footage from the vignettes and additional raw footage will be combined to make a full-length documentary on Downtown Fremont for the community to view as a record of its creation.

Two video vignettes are currently airing on the City's YouTube Channel and Channel 27. The first video, "Downtown Fremont on the Rise Demolition Celebration," features the demolition of a three-story building on Fremont Boulevard which enabled a critical connection to Capitol Avenue, Downtown's future Main Street retail spine to Fremont Boulevard. The second video, entitled "Downtown Fremont: It's All About the Place." highlights the playmaking events in Downtown, such as Fremont Street Eats and the Fremont Underground Social Experience (FUSE).

These vignettes chronicle the first of three phases of the Downtown's development, titled "Downtown Fremont on the Rise." New vignettes will be announced on the City of Fremont's social networking platforms at Fremont.gov/SocialMedia. Follow along on this journey, an important making of Fremont history!



Watch the videos on the City of Fremont's YouTube Channel at Fremont.gov/YouTube and on Cable TV Channel 27, the Fremont Government Channel.

City Services At-A-Glance

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City Clerk cclerk@fremont.gov 284-4060 City Manager cof@fremont.gov 284-4000

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Human Services hs@fremont.gov 574-2050

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494-4440

Police Department police@fremont.gov 790-6800

Recreation Services RegeRec@fremont.gov 494-4300

Transportation Engineering traffic@fremont.gov 494-4745

Our Community

FRC Participates in East Bay Gives Event on May 5

he Fremont Family Resource Center (FRC) will participate in East Bay Gives 2015, a 24-hour online fundraiser sponsored by the East Bay Community Foundation on May 5. Services provided by the FRC Core Team include coordination of the FRC Collaborative, Family Support Services, SparkPoint FRC, and VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance). These services are



supported in part by multiple sources, including City funds, grants, contracts, and donations. Stay tuned for more information regarding the exciting May 5 online event!





Graffiti Busters Keep Fremont Clean

ost community members are aware of the graffiti that exists throughout Fremont. The City's Graffiti Abatement team has always done an outstanding job of responding to graffiti complaints with limited resources.

In May 2013, Fremont Police noted an increase in graffiti throughout the city. In an effort to assist the City's Graffiti Abatement Team with combating graffiti, members of the police department's Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) began training in covering up graffiti tags and were deployed to help out throughout the city.

Since the inception of the program in August 2013, VIPS members have worked nearly every Saturday morning and covered more than 10,000 graffiti tags. Over the past year, several residents have verbalized their appreciation of the City's efforts in ridding our community of graffiti.

For information about the VIPS Program, visit FremontPolice.org/VIPS. To report graffiti, please contact the City's Public Works Department at 979-5700 or complete our online form at Fremont.gov/ReportaConcern.

City of Fremont to **Help Resolve Rent Disputes**

nents are rising throughout the Bay Area, including in Fremont. In order to assist tenants and rental property owners in situations where there are rent increase disputes, the City of Fremont adopted the Residential Rent Increase Dispute Resolution Ordinance (RRIDRO). The ordinance is designed to encourage tenants and owners to discuss rent increase concerns and to develop win/ win solutions that will benefit both the owner and his/her tenant. However, if either the owner or tenant is unable to reach an agreement, either party can contact Mediation Services at 733-4945 to work over the telephone (conciliation) to reach an agreement. If this proves unsuccessful, either party can request to meet in person (mediation) with trained mediators to assist with the rent increase dispute.

Highlights of RRIDRO:

- Rent increases are limited to one increase every 12 months.
- Each rent increase notice must include the following in bold type:

NOTICE: You are encouraged to contact the owner or manager of your rental unit to discuss this rent increase. However, **Chapter 19 of Title III of the Fremont** Municipal Code provides a procedure for conciliation, mediation and fact finding for disputes over rent increases. To use this procedure and secure additional information about the City's ordinance, you must contact Mediation Services at (510) 733-4945.

For more information contact Mediation Services at 733-4945. For a copy of the Ordinance, visit Fremont.gov/RRDIRO.





























Bringing Home the \$5 Million Energy Prize

Over the next two years, Fremont has the opportunity to showcase just how innovative and creative it can be in moving toward a more sustainable future, and YOU are an integral part of it!

As one of 50 communities nationwide competing for the \$5 million Georgetown University Energy Prize, Fremont is faced with the task of achieving deep energy reductions at residential, municipal, and public school levels. With 95 percent of this energy consumed at home, it is up to residents to take action now to help Fremont take home the prize!

Here are 10 ways you can get started at home:

- 1. View your current energy usage at PG&E's My Energy—PGE.com/myenergy. Then use your SmartMeter™ data to dig deeper into home energy habits—HomeEnergyanalyzer.org.
- **2.** Check out a Kill-A-Watt[™] meter from one of the Fremont libraries to find out how much specific appliances are costing you to run.
- **3.** Unplug your electronic devices when not in use to reduce standby load—Standby.lbl.gov.
- **4.** Purchase smart power strips for your entertainment systems to power down auxiliary devices when you turn off your TV.
- **5.** Install a programmable thermostat and set it to heat your home only when needed. If your home has air conditioning, you can take advantage of PG&E's SmartACTM Program—PGE.com/smartac.

- **6.** Get a free Alameda County Water District water conservation kit and learn about other resources available to help with the drought—www.ACWD.org/Drought.
- **7.** Swap out old incandescent or halogen lights to energy efficient CFL or LED options. Pay attention to the "color temperature" to get a warmer or cooler white effect—Lightingfacts.com.
- **8.** Upgrade older appliances to ENERGY STAR certified products—Energystar.gov.
- **9.** Begin considering your renewable energy options by getting an instant solar estimate with the SmartSolar Marketplace— Energysage.com/smartsolar.
- **10.** Become a "Community Energy Champion" to spread the word to your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and community networks about how they can help Fremont win the Energy Prize. For details contact Sustainability Coordinator Rachel DiFranco at rdifranco@fremont.gov or 494-4451.

To learn more about Fremont's participation in the Energy Prize, visit Fremont.gov/EnergyPrize.



Fremont Household Energy Use Stats

The average Fremont household consumes about 5,400 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity and 460 therms of natural gas a year. This is equivalent to 8,050 lbs. (or 3.65 metric tons) of carbon dioxide emitted per household each year! To put that into perspective, the image at left shows what one metric ton of carbon looks like.

Nearly 250,000 total metric tons of carbon dioxide (MTCO2) are emitted from Fremont's residential sector on an annual basis! This accounts for 16 percent of Fremont's total community-wide greenhouse gas emissions.

In order to sequester that same amount of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere every year, it would require three acres of forest per every Fremont household, or 200,000 total acres of forest. If each household reduced its energy usage by just 10 percent, it would be equivalent to planting over 20,000 acres of forest, more than one-third of the total size of Fremont!

Our Community

PSA Highlights Ways for Chinese American Parents to Keep Kids Happy and Healthy

hile every parent's goal is to raise confident, healthy and successful kids, parents don't always know how to identify or help their children combat depression, anxiety and/or phobias.

Thanks to a Kaiser Community Foundation grant, the City of Fremont Youth and Family Services (YFS) received \$30,000 to develop parent awareness, promote education for Mandarin-speaking families and increase access to essential mental health services for Chinese American youth. Chinese-American community leaders and volunteers supported

the City's Youth and Family Services Division in the creation and production of a public service announcement, encouraging other Chinese parents to recognize emotional issues their children may be facing and to seek professional mental health services.

You can watch the 90-second video at Fremont.gov/Mandarin90.

You can watch the 3-minute video at Fremont.gov/Mandarin3.

If your child or someone else you know is currently suffering from depression, anxiety and /or phobias, we strongly



encourage you to watch the videos, share them within your networks, talk with your children and/or seek help from local services.

For more information on additional workshops and available support and services, please contact Fremont's Youth and Family Services' Helen Hsu at 574-2135 or hhsu@fremont.gov, or visit Fremont.gov/YFS.



Free Help Applying for Citizenship

he International Institute of the Bay Area (IIBA) and the East Bay Naturalization Collaborative (EBNatz) are partnering with the Fremont Family Resource Center (FRC) for their fifth Citizenship Day to be held on **Saturday, April 25, at 9:30 a.m.** at the Fremont Family Resource Center, 39155 Liberty St., Building EFGH - Caribbean Room Suite H830.

Those eligible for U.S. citizenship can receive free assistance in filling out the naturalization application and fee waivers. Assistance will be provided in many languages including Spanish, Chinese and Farsi. Pre-register online at ebnatz.org or by telephone. Register in English and Spanish at 451-2846, in Chinese at 251-2846 and in Dari/Farsi at 894-3639. To learn more about IIBA and EBNatz, visit the websites iibayarea.org and ebnatz.org.

Be Aware: Scams Targeting Our Community

ver the last couple of years we have seen a rise in telephone scams targeting our community. While the scams have varied in origin, they all commonly require the victim to obtain a MoneyPak®, Green Dot Card, money gram or other type of payment method to avoid a penalty. If you or someone you know receives a call where you are instructed to make a payment and threatened with arrest, deportation or something similar, it is likely false. Almost all government agencies communicate by mail and DO NOT collect debt payments via the telephone. To learn more visit FremontPolice.org/Scams.























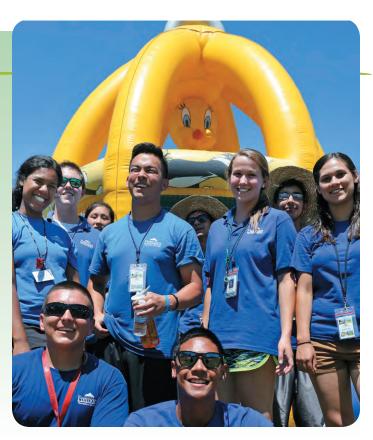




Summer Job Fair 2015 Saturday, April 18

The you looking for a fun and exciting summer job? Head over to the Fremont Recreation Services Summer Job Fair on **Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Teen Center, located at 39770 Paseo Padre Pkwy.

Our Job Fair is an excellent opportunity for college and high school students to meet directly with our supervisors, submit an application, and have a chance to interview. Positions include Recreation Leaders, Building Attendants, Waterpark Staff, Food Services/Concessions Staff, and more. Applicants should dress professionally and bring a resume. Applications can be found online along with available positions at: Fremont.gov/Employment. Applicants may also fill out an application and drop it off at 3300 Capitol Ave., Bldg. B from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, visit Fremont.gov/RecJobs.





Fire Station No. 11 is located at 47200 Lakeview Blvd. in South Fremont.

Fire Station No. 11 is Now Open

n Friday, January 2, the City officially opened Fire Station No. 11. The station, which is our first Gold Level LEED Building, was designed to accommodate one Engine Company with three personnel per shift as well as the Hazardous Materials Response Unit. The third bay will house a Reserve Fire Apparatus. With this station now up and running, the Fremont Fire Department is back to full staffing with 11 fire stations located throughout the city to ensure the best possible response times to emergencies. This station began with a schematic design in November 2007. Construction later commenced in July 2009 and was completed in August 2010. However, due to the economic downturn in recent years, the station was unable to open. Given an improved economy, the City has been able to move forward on this vital project and is excited about the facility improvement and returning emergency services to full strength.

Alameda County Water District's Water Shortage Emergency Continues

Get cash back when you purchase a high-efficiency toilet!

As California drought conditions continue, saving water is more crucial than ever. That's why Alameda County Water District is offering rebates of up to \$100 per toilet if you replace an older (pre-1994) toilet that uses 3.5 gallons per flush (GPF) or more, with an EPA WaterSense Labeled High-Efficiency Toilet (HET). HETs are water-efficient toilets designed to use 1.3 GPF or less. Replacing older toilets can save over two gallons of water every time you flush. Please visit www.ACWD.org/Rebates to learn more about this program and other available rebates. There is a limit of up to three rebates per residential unit for the purchase and installation of qualifying toilets. Funding is limited and may be exhausted quickly, without prior notice.





Fremont Unified School District

Offices 4210 Technology Drive, Fremont, CA 94538 Phone 657-2350

FUSD Students Named Candidates for Presidential **Scholars Program**

The Fremont Unified School District is proud to announce that 30 of its high school students have been named as candidates for the United States Presidential Scholars Program.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by executive order of the President, and recognizes and honors some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts. Each year, up to 141 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

Twenty-three students from Mission San Jose High School, six from Irvington High School, and one from Washington High School are invited to apply for 560 semifinalist positions from which the Scholars will be chosen in May.

Tennis Academy

While some may say giving tennis racquets to 100 elementary school students in an enclosed space might not be wise, the Fremont Parks & Recreation Department made it happen. Brookvale Elementary School students had a fun day on December 5 learning the basic fundamentals of tennis!



FUSD Crowns 2015 Spelling Bee Winners

FUSD named its top spellers at the 2015 District Spelling Bee at Gomes Elementary School on January 29. Congratulations to all the winners:

1st - Timothy Brahan, 6th Grade, Weibel

2nd - Andrew Yu, 6th Grade, Ardenwood

3rd - Ayushi Kashyap, 4th Grade, Mission San Jose

4th - Abinayaa Murugupandiyan,

5th Grade, Ardenwood

5th - Anish Kashyap, 6th Grade, Mission San Jose

6th - Liana Dong, 6th Grade, Warwick

Fremont PD K-9 Officer Visits Hopkins Junior High

The Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) class at Hopkins Junior High School got a visit from twoand four-legged friends on November 14. Officer Jason Macciola of the Fremont Police Department visited the class along with his K-9 partner, Warco. Officer Macciola spoke to students about the training involved in becoming a K-9 Officer and the important role that writing reports plays in his job. A big thank you to Officer Macciola!



FUSD Provides Measles Information to Families

The Alameda County Public Health Department has reported several confirmed cases of measles within the county in 2015 alone. FUSD is now providing families with information regarding the illness.

There are currently no known cases of measles within the District, and the Alameda County Public Health Department will notify the District immediately with any reports of confirmed cases or suspected exposures.

Measles is a highly-contagious illness caused by a virus that causes fever, cough, runny nose, and watery eyes, as well as a rash. More serious cases of measles can cause diarrhea, middle ear infection, pneumonia, or encephalitis (brain infection). The illness is spread person-to-person when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or shares food/drink.

Immunization is the best protection against measles. FUSD, as well as all California public schools, requires vaccinations to be administered to children prior to enrollment. If your child shows any of the above symptoms, contact your physician immediately.

Please contact FUSD Student Support Services at 659-2534 with questions or for more information.





























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It's an Earth Day Party and You're Invited!

Pring your family, friends, and bicycles to celebrate Earth Day on **Saturday, April 25,** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Washington West Building in the main auditorium, located at 2500 Mowry Ave. The event is free and will offer fun for the entire family. There will be children's arts and crafts, eco-entertainment, games, a bicycle rodeo, confidential paper shredding, educational booths, and a torchiere lamp exchange. This year, there will also be a bike giveaway for one lucky winner!

Highlights include a drop-off for old eyeglasses, collection of sharps (must be in approved sharps container), unused or unwanted medications, and exchanging a hazardous mercury thermometer for a mercury-free thermometer at no charge. This event is a wonderful opportunity to meet with eco-friendly experts, learn about local sustainability initiatives, and find out more about the City of Fremont's participation as a semi-finalist in the Georgetown University Energy Prize, a two-year national energy usage reduction challenge with a \$5 million prize for the winner. Let's go Fremont!

Fremont's Earth Day celebration is brought to you by the City's Environmental Services Division and Washington Hospital. For more information, visit Fremont.gov/EarthDay or call the Environmental Services Division at 494-4570. We hope to see you there!

Two-Wheeled Fun at Fremont's Earth Day Fair

Safe Moves, a nonprofit organization, has received many awards and honors for its work in the field of traffic and bicycle safety. The organization will be providing a Bicycle and Pedestrian Obstacle Course with an emphasis on safety at Fremont's Earth Day event. The course will provide parents and children of all ages with a fun and interactive lesson on road awareness and safety skills. Loaner bikes and helmets will be available. Also, don't miss the drawing for a brand new bike giveaway!





Washing Your Car? Keep it Environmentally Friendly

Washing your vehicle on the street, in a driveway, or in parking lots adds pollution to our local creeks and the San Francisco Bay Watershed. Unlike indoor sanitary water that goes to a waste water treatment plant, water that flows directly to the storm drain system ends up flowing untreated into the bay. Car wash water contains oil, gasoline, grease, soaps, and heavy metals that all have a negative impact on our sensitive environment. Instead of washing your car in your driveway, please help the environment by taking your vehicle to a local commercial car wash facility. Car wash water from these facilities is required to be treated and does not get released into the storm drain system. If you still plan on washing your car at home, please do it on a vegetated area and use a natural soap. Make sure to use a high pressure nozzle to reduce the amount of water you use or try a waterless car cleaner. If you are planning a car wash fundraiser, contact the City at 494-4570 to learn about our car wash kit.



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Swimming Pool, Spa, and **Fountain Water Disposal Tips**

id you know that it's illegal to dispose of chlorinated, algae controlled pool water, and filter rinse water (backwash) into creeks, gutters, and/or storm drains? This brings up the question, what should you do with the water?

Drain Properly

- Drain pool, spa, or fountain water to a sanitary sewer cleanout.
- Don't drain water into a street, gutter, or storm drain.
- Draining water that contains copper algaecide or residual chlorine to a storm drain is prohibited.
- Contact Union Sanitary District at 477-7500 for assistance with locating the sanitary sewer.

General Maintenance

- Keep your pool, spa, or fountain well-maintained with a balanced pH to reduce the need for chemicals or drainage.
- Avoid using copper-based algaecides. Ask your pool maintenance service or store for help resolving persistent algae problems without using copper algaecides.
- Select pool products with reduced phosphate. Without phosphate, algae cannot thrive.

Cleaning

- Never clean filters in the street, gutter or storm drain.
- To clean your pool filters, rinse over landscaped areas.
- Fresh water will dilute the chlorine, so it won't harm plants or grass.
- Clean sand and diatomaceous earth filters onto a dirt area.
- Keep backwash out of the street and storm drain.
- Dispose of spent filter materials in the trash.

Remember, if you hire service contractors, it is your responsibility to make sure they dispose of water properly in the sanitary sewer, not in the street, gutter, or storm drain.

Yards and Gardens

ow you choose to care for your garden matters to creeks, wetlands, and the bay, regardless of where you live in Fremont.



Keeping garden chemicals to a minimum will make your yard safer for children and pets.

The Bay Area's mild climate allows us to create and enjoy stunningly beautiful yards and gardens. But rain and irrigation water can wash garden chemicals off plants and soil, carrying them into storm drains, which then flow into our local creeks and the bay. The Clean Water Program regularly monitors the health and water quality of local waterways, and has found pesticides in streams throughout the Bay Area and California. These chemicals affect the health of insects, amphibians, fish, and birds—all part of a vibrant creek ecosystem that is important for flood control, as a food source, and to ensure the safety of our drinking water. Some simple practices can help not only reduce or even eliminate pollution from gardening chemicals, but can also make your yard safer for pets and kids. Plus, chances are you'll spend less time and money on garden maintenance, and more hours enjoying it!

Visit OurWaterOurWorld.org and find out what you can do.

Control pests with non-toxic alternatives. Ask an expert.

Find out where to buy less-toxic products. Choose native and drought-tolerant plants. Dispose unused pesticides.

Be water smart.

Make the most of rainwater.































Compost Giveaway for Curbside Organics Program Participants!

Thank you Fremont residents for feeding your green organics cart each week with food scraps and yard waste. Now you can feed the plants in your personal garden with quality compost that was made from your yard trimmings and food scraps.

Please feel free to pick up two free bags of compost on **Sunday, April 12, from 8 a.m. to noon** or while supplies last

at the Fremont Recycling and Transfer Station, located at 41149 Boyce Rd. The event will be held, rain or shine.

Don't forget to bring your current Republic Services garbage bill to show that your household participates in the City's curbside organics program. Please follow the signs and watch for the traffic controls that will direct you to the loading area where crews will place the compost into

your vehicle. If your neighbor or a family member is unable to attend, you may bring their Republic Services bill and pick up their compost for them.

Compost Giveaway is brought to you by the City of Fremont in partnership with Republic Services and Fremont Recycling and Transfer Station. For more information, please contact Republic Services at 657-3500.

How to Safely Dispose of Household Hazardous Products

A typical home can contain an array of household hazardous products that help us in maintaining our cars, cleaning and disinfecting our homes, painting our houses, helping our gardens grow, and more. The health and safety of our families, neighborhoods, and environment is threatened when household hazardous waste is stored or disposed of improperly.

The chemical-based household products from a single home may seem insignificant, but when thousands of homes across Alameda County use similar products — handling, storing and disposing of them improperly — the combined effects become a major problem. Our communities and the environment are endangered when these products are discarded in

household garbage, sinks, or storm drains. Never dispose of toxics in the garbage, sinks, toilets, or storm drains.

Fremont residents can dispose of household toxics safely by using the Fremont Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Facility. Drop-off is free and last year, more than 12,000 households brought in over one million pounds of unwanted hazardous waste from their homes! Drop-off is easy and the facility is open every week, Wednesday through Saturday.

Some unwanted items deserve a second chance. Be sure to visit the Re-use area to find useable paint, cleaners, sealants, garden products, and more, available at no cost. The facility is located at the Fremont Recycling & Transfer Station at 41149 Boyce Rd. in Fremont. Call 800-606-6606 for more information. Some small businesses can also use the site. Businesses should call 670-6460 for more information. You can also visit the Household-Hazwaste.org to learn more.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

Aerosols
Automotive Fluids
Batteries
Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs
Household Chemicals/Cleaners
Pharmaceuticals
Sharps/Syringes/Lancets/Needles
Paints/Solvents/Thinners
Pesticides/Herbicides/Fertilizers
Pool Chemicals
Mercury Thermometers
Rat Poison/Pest Control Products

SCHEDULE:

New Year's Day

Wednesday-Friday:
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed for these holidays:
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

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